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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: : F. Moezie
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Serial No.: 068,253 : Group: 1654
Filed: May 13, 1998 :
For: CARTILAGE/BONE...REPARATION :

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AMENDMENT

Asst. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the office action of May 24, 2001, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claim 13

Claim 14 (amended) A cartilage and bone morphogenetic repairing composition comprising a collagen-free aqueous solution of a polyoxyethylene-polyoxypropylene glycol and an effective amount of a bone morphogenetic protein, the molecular weight of polyoxypropylene glycol as a constituent of said polyoxyethylene-polyoxypropylene glycol is 900 to 4000 and the ethylene oxide content is 5 to 95% by weight of the polyoxyethylene-polyoxypropylene glycol molecule whereby the solution is aqueous at 1 to 30°C and gelatinizes at about 37°C.

Claim 15 (amended) A method of repairing a cartilage and bone fracture in a warm-blooded animal comprising administering locally to the warm-blooded animal a composition of claim 14 at the site of

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